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Helping Your Child With Test Taking

This Spring 2015, the I-STEP+ assessment will be different than the past, as it will measure standards that are more challenging and require higher levels of problem solving, writing, and critical thinking. These types of skills are particularly important in pre-paring students for college and/or careers.

Students will be able to use computer tools to answer new types of items. Teachers are providing practice with these technology enhanced questions. Find them here: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/experience-college-and-career-ready-assessment>

You can be a great help to your child as ISTEP+ approaches if you observe these do's and don'ts about taking tests:

Do talk to your child about testing. It's helpful for children to understand why schools give tests and to know the kinds of tests they are taking. Explain that tests are yardsticks to measure how teachers and schools are teaching, as well as, what students are learning. The results help us understand which students are keeping up with class, are ahead, or those who may need extra help. The results are also used to strengthen courses or change teaching methods. Still other tests compare students by schools, districts, or cities. Standardized tests are often used for this purpose. All students take the same test to measure performance against that of others.

Do encourage your child. Praise your child for the things he or she does well. If your child feels good about himself, then he will perform better on a test. Children who are afraid of failing are more likely to become anxious and make mistakes while testing.

Do meet with your child's teacher as often as possible to discuss his progress. Ask the teachers to suggest activities that you can do with your child at home to help prepare for tests and improve understanding of school work.

Do make sure your child attends school regularly. Remember, tests reflect children's overall achievement. The more effort and energy your child puts into learning, the more likely the he will do well on tests.

Do provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home, and make sure your child is well rested on school days, especially

testing days. Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or handle the demands of a test.

Don't get upset by the score of a single test. Many things can influence how your child does on a test. She might not have felt well on test day or she might have been too nervous to concentrate. She may have had an argument before the test, or she might have been late to school because the bus got stuck in traffic. Remember, one test is simply one test.

Order Yearbooks Now

2014-15 yearbooks can be ordered at anytime until **Jan 31st for \$25.00** Order forms are available in the office, library or online on the school website. You may also order yearbooks online at yearbooksforever.com.

If you have photos on your camera or phone that you'd like to share with the yearbook staff, you can download the Yearbook Snap app on your device. Pictures can be uploaded to our yearbook site and be considered for publication. Please note, photos saved from Facebook are too small for publication.

PRO Student Winners

The following students accumulated 5 PRO Student cards in recognition of their good behavior last 9 weeks.

Matthew King
Lauren Hudson
Bryan Hamm
James Brown (2nd time)
Lauren Beeler
Jaylen Hall
Tyson Woods
Jakob Hack
Olivia Wethington
Shane Conley
Alex Asbery
Scott Caruso
Chloe Deweese

Each student was able to choose from a list of rewards to redeem their cards. Congratulations to these students for their good behavior and classroom participation.

Calendar of Events

January 2015

- 19 No School or Makeup Day
6:00PM 7/8 BBB V. Orleans H
6:00PM 7/8 GBB @Crawford Co.
- 20 6:00PM 6 BBB v. Oolitic H
- 21 6:00PM 7/8 GBB v. Springs Valley H
- 22 6:00PM 6 BBB v. Shawswick H
6:00PM 7/8 BBB @ Salem
- 27 6:00PM 6 BBB v. Bedford H
6:00PM 7/8GBB @ Edgewood
- 28 7:40AM FCA Meeting
6:00PM 7/8 BBB @ Springs Valley
- 29 6:00PM 7/8 GBB v. Perry Central H
- 31 9:00AM 6 BBB v. Orleans H
9:00AM 7/8 BBB Co. Tourney A
9:00PM 7/8 GBB 7/8 Tourney A

February 2015

- 2 6:00PM 7/8 BBB @ Paoli
- 3 6:00PM 6 BBB @ Edgewood
- 5 6:00PM 7/8 BBB v. Perry Central H
- 6 8th Grade Field Trip To NL
Midterm Progress Reports
7:00PM Valentine's Dance
- 7 9:00AM 7/8 BBB Tourney H
9:00PM 7/8 GBB Co. Tourney A
- 9 6:00PM School Board Meeting
- 10 6:00PM Jacket Connection Mtg.
6:00PM Wrestling v. Seymour/Paoli
- 11 7:40AM FCA Meeting
- 14 9:00PM 6BBB County Tourney H
- 16 President's Day Snow Makeup
6:00PM Wrestling @ Paoli
- 25 7:40AM FCA Meeting
- 26 6:00PM Wrestling v. Bedford A

March 2015

- 2-11 ISTEP+ Testing
- 9 6:00PM School Board Meeting
6:00PM Wrestling v. Washington H
- 10 6:00PM Jacket Connection Meeting
- 11 7:40AM FCA Meeting
- 12 7:00PM Band Concert
- 13 REPORT CARDS
- 17 7:00PM NHS Initiation
- 23-27 SPRING BREAK

Become a 21st Century Scholar

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Program helps income eligible students earn up to four years of tuition at an eligible Indiana college, public or private.

To qualify, students must enroll as Scholars in the seventh or eighth grade. Scholars fulfill a pledge of good citizenship and participate in a Scholar Success Program that helps them plan, prepare, and pay for college completion and career success. Scholars must also earn at least a Core 40 diploma and achieve a 2.5 GPA upon high school graduation.

Bur first you have to apply! Complete the online application by June 30 of your 8th grade year. For income guidelines or to apply, visit Scholars.IN.gov. You can also as you ask school counselor, Laura Walton for more information about the program.

2015 Academic Team Info

The theme for this year's Academic Team competition is "The Grandeur that was Rome." This will include such topics as: Geometry, Exponents, Roman Numerals, Root Words, and Volcanoes. We are looking for 8-10 students from the Honor Roll to join the team and begin practicing and researching once a week after school.

There will be two competitions later this spring-One will be after school at Paoli High School in late April and the other will be on a Saturday morning in Seymour. Student should see Mrs. Brown for more information.

8th Grade Language Arts

In eighth grade language arts, students are working on a unit over the Holocaust. They will study the history of this event, and read the novel, "Night" in addition to other texts related to this time period.

Near the end of the unit, students will work on the Butterfly Project. Students will read and analyze poems written by children in one of the camps.

2nd Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Grade 6 High Honors

Gracee Canada, Abigail Embry, Ericka Gaines, Lauren Hudson, Mattie Leamer, Andrew Norrington, Zareta Porter, Ashlyn Premo, Braxton Ramirez, Luke RileyMakenzie Schultz, Gracie Snow, Collin Spear, Cassandra Stutz, Kiara Terry, Madison Williams, Audrey Young

Grade 6 Honor Roll

Alec Barlow, Zoey Brim, Fox Butler, Macguire Butterfield, Josie Campbell, Sarah Chastain, Dylan Compton, Elijah Cook, Emily Cravens, Jon Drake, Alyssa Duncan, Nichole Edwards, Emerald England, Trenton Fluitt, Macy Graves, Alexis Haste, Caeden Jackson, Cole Karr, Mandie Leamer, Trevin Lee, Jeremiah Martin, Victoria Moore, Brynna Nicol, Mattison O'Shields, Tanner Payne, Tyler Petty, Shelby Pruett, Nathan Reynolds, Kelsey Robertson, Kamron Roop, Marah Roop, Jaylie Sams, Emily Schrader, Cameron Smith, Makayla Tincher, Javan Turpin, Sawyer Wade, Matthew Walker, Chloe Young

Grade 7 High Honors

Lauren Beeler, Callison Blais, Sarah Boaz, Abigeil Briscoe, Lauryn Davis, Lucas Fletcher, Matthew Goodman, Luke Lafavor, Amber McCracken, Hunter Myers, Dane Pritchett, Grant Rainey, Tyler Reszka, Korbin Richardson, Morgan-Rife, Emma Roberts, Thomas Waggoner, Gabriella Willoughby

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Amber Bakker, Cierra Bell, Michael Bell, Lucas Brown, Kalee Butler, Sierra Cox, Katelin Culler, Sarah Dalton, Kristopher Dowden, Jessica Eubanks, Jackson Gore, Markayla Haas, William Hamala, Jacob Hedge, Rylee Hiles, Nathan King, Garrett Lindsey, Teagan Marshek, Breyanna McArtor, Indy Needhamer, Jarrett Phillips, Hanna Pugh, Kameron Richardson, Hailey Ritchison, Breanna Russell, Jayden Shaff, Tyson Shoopman, Levi Smith, Trey Speer, Zuri Talbott, Megan Terry, Briann Van Meter

Grade 8 High Honors

Anna Beaty, Jasmine Blais, Kamryn Bridges, Elizabeth Case, Dalton Clark, Shane Conley, Kinley Day, Gracie Haas, Jacob Hollars, Diana Holman, Andrea Jagers, Tyson James, Olivia Lagle, Addison Myers, Allyson Passmore, Amelia Wilkinson, Lauren Wilson, Lauren Woods, Eliza Zeeks

Grade 8 Honor Roll

Leyton Allen, Heaven Baker, Logan Boyer, Briston Bundy, Briannah Clouse, Savannah Cravens, Kirk Denny, Joseph Elliott, Cora Elmes, Jada Ely, Torrie Greathouse, Alex Haas, Bryan Hamm, Jacob Heshelman, Akacia Howe, Bethany Hudson, Abby Leonard, Reid Marlow, Peyton Moore, Devin Oster, Ethan Pridemore, Macy Robbins, Drew Simpson, Emily Snow

First Semester Honor Roll

Grade 6 High Honors

Alec Barlow, Gracee Canada, Elijah Cook, Jon Drake, Abigail Embry, Trenton Fluitt, Ericka Gaines, Mattie Leamer, Andrew Norrington, Mattie O'Shields, Zareta Porter, Ashlyn Premo, Braxton Ramirez, Luke Riley, Marah Roop, Makenzie Schultz, Gracie Snow, Collin Spear, Cassandra Stutz, Kiara Terry, Madison Williams, Audrey Young

Grade 6 Honor Roll

Hannah Bell, Vincent Bodkins, Zoey Brim, Fox Butler, Macguire Butterfield, Josie Campbell, Sarah Chastain, Nichole Edwards, Emerald England, Macy Graves, Alexis Hast, Lauren Hudson, Caeden Jackson, Jaxson Karr, Lance Key, Mandie Leamer, Trevin Lee, Jeremiah Martin, Victoria Moore, Brynna Nicol, Tanner Payne, Tyler Petty, Nicholas Pitel Shelby Pruett, Nathan Reynolds, Kelsey Robertson, Kamron Roop, Jaylie Sams, Emily Schrader, Alaina Smith, Cameron Smith, Kaitlynn Spencer, Makayla Tincher, Jacinda VanSlyke, Sawyer Wade, Matthew Walker, Chloe Young

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Lauren Beeler, Callison Blais, Sarah Boaz, Abigeil Briscoe, Lucas Brown, Lauryn Davis, Lucas Fletcher, Matthew Goodman, Luke Lafavor, Amber McCracken, Hunter Myers, Jarrett Phillips, Grant Rainey, Tyler Reszka, Morgan-Ann Rife, Emma Roberts, Thomas Waggoner, Gabriella Willoughby

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Amber Bakker, Cierra Bell, Michael Bell, Liberty Brewer, Kalee Butler, Samantha Carlton, Shelbi Cauble, Sierra Cox, Katelin Culler, Sarah Dalton, Hayden Dersch, Kris Dowden, Jessica Eubanks, Jackson Gore, Markayla Haas, William Hamala, Jacob Hedge, Rylee Hiles, Ashley Holt, Nathan King, Garrett Lindsey, Teagan Marshek, Breyanna McArtor, Indy Needhamer, Mia Nicol, Kadesia Owens, Dane Pritchett, Hanna Pugh, Kameron Richardson, Korbin Richardson, Hailey Ritchison, Breanna Russell, Jayden Shaff, Tyson Shoopman, Levi Smith, Trey Speer, Zuri Talbott, Megan Terry, Adrienne Young

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Leyton Allen, Heaven Baker, Logan Boyer, James Brown, Briston Bundy, Briannah Clouse, Savannah Cravens, Katherine DeLawter, Kirk Denny, Joseph Elliott, Cora Elmes, Nathan Gratzner, Alex Haas, Gracie Haas, Bryan Hamm, Jacob Heshelman, Akacia Howe, Bethany Hudson, Tyson James, Abby Leonard, Reid Marlow, Peyton Moore, Addison Myers, Devin Oster, Cody Petty, Nicholas Reed, Macy Robbins, Kamden Schrader, Andrew Terrell, Tatelyn Terrell, Skylar Workman

2014-15 Semester 1 No Disciplinary Referrals and No Unexcused Tardies

Grade 6

Alec Roger Barlow
Vincent Mcand Orange Bodkins
Malachi Elijah Cole Brazzel
Zoey Elizabeth Brim
Fox Benjamin Butler
Emma Gayle Canada
Gracee Don Canada
Sarah Nicole Chastain
Dylan Lee Compton
Constance Marie Cowden-Anderson
Emily Nicole Cravens
Alyssa McKenzie Duncan
Abigail Grace Embry
Ericka Maree Gaines
Alexis Marie Haste
Jacob David Hildum
Lauren Olivia Hudson
Jaxson Cole Karr
Devani Israel Martinez
Jeremiah Justin Martin
Brynna Scarlet Nicol
Andrew Russell Norrington
Mattison Nicole O'Shields
Tanner Drew Payne
Zareta Nicole Porter
Luke Nicholas Riley
Kelsey Lenae Robertson
Marah Reece Roop
Emily Rayann Schrader
Austin Trey Shaffer
Cameron Lee Smith
Melody Gayle Southworth
Stasha Nicole Stroud
Cassandra Leann Stutz
Kiara Reese Terry
Gavin Charles Tincher
Makayla Shyanne Tincher
Javan Wayne Turpin
Madison Danielle Williams

Grade 7

Lana Corrine Barlow
Cierra Renee Bell
Sarah Catherine Boaz
Abigeil Kaytlin Briscoe
Lucas Thompson Brown
Kalee Faith Fu-E Butler
Makayla Marie Butler
Sarah Elizabeth Dalton
Lauryn Kay Davis
Hayden Muriel Dersch
Connor Scott Doss
Ethan Alexander Duncan
Lucas Wyatt Fletcher
Lauren Elizabeth Goldfuss
Matthew James Goodman
Jackson Wil Gore
Markayla Rachelle Haas
Jakob Ashton Hack
Jacob Dale Matthew Hedge
Rylee Gene Hiles
Ashley Marie Holt
Andrew William Kimble
Nathan James King
Teagan West Marshek
Amber Nicole McCracken
Dane Kenneth Pritchett
Hanna Elizabeth Pugh
Grant Hancock Rainey
Tyler Chase Reszka
Kameron Oshia Richardson
Korbin Oshia Richardson
Morgan-Ann Louise Rife
Emma Ruth Roberts
Zuri Marie Talbott
Megan Anne Terry
Shyah Nicole Whalen
Gabriella Ray Willoughby

Grade 8

Cassandra Lynn Aldridge
Leyton Allen
Alexzander Joseph Asbery
Arthur Paul Blair
Brandon Brazzell
James Anthony Brown
Nathaniel Boe Bush
Shane Dawson Conley
Katherine Ann DeLawter
Kirk James Denny
Cora Opal-Gail Elmes
Alex Robert Haas
Jacob Nathaniel Heshelman
Diana Lynn Holman
Bethany Mae Hudson
Andrea Renee Jagers
Jansen Tyler Keynon
Nicholas O'Neil Miller
Devin Lee Oster
Evan Keith Payne
Ethan Ray Pridemore
Drew Russell Simpson
DeAndra Dean Stroud
Andrew Terrell
Ashton Brooke Tredway
Kree Nathaniel Walt
Amelia Rose Wilkinson
Lauren N Wilson